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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DISRUPTION OF FEDERAL BENEFIT CHECK DISTRIBUTION
TO CANADIAN BENEFICIARIES

1. DURING CURRENT LABOR DISPUTE BETWEEN GOC AND CANADIAN
UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS (CUPW), POSTMASTER GENERAL BRYCE
MACKASEY STATED PUBLICLY THAT CONTINUED INTRANSIGENCE BY
UNION LEADERSHIP MIGHT LEAD TO CLOSING DOWN, POSSIBLY FOR
EXTENDED PERIOD, OF POSTAL SERVICE THROUGHOUT CANADA.

2. SHOULD SUCH CONTINGENCY MATERIALIZE, EMBASSY CONCERNED
ABOUT DISRUPTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND OTHER FEDERAL BENEFIT
CHECK DISTRIBUTION TO BENEFICIARIES RESIDENT IN CANADA. WHILE
IT WOULD PROBABLY BE TOO LATE TO REPROGRAM COMPUTERS, EVEN
INSTANTANEOUSLY WITH INCEPTION OF STRIKE, DEPARTMENT
MAY WISH TO CONSIDER WITH APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCIES
FEASIBILITY OF ALTERNATE METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION TO
CANADA RESIDENT BENEFICIARIES; E.G. THROUGH POSTS IN
CANADA WHICH HAVE CONTINGENCY PLAN OF PICKING UP MAIL
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BY MESSENGER AT NEAREST POINTS ACROSS BORDER IN UNITED

STATES.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS ON FOREGOING
OR OTHER POSSIBLE CONTINGENCY PLANS FROM DEPT.
SUGGESTIONS FROM INFO ADDRESSEES ALSO SOLICITED.
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